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Preparing for an ambush

Marines from the Fire Direction Center, Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines prepare for an ambush during an artillery relocation shoot in Yausubetsu Maneuver Area, Hokkaido, Japan.

SecDef hosts senior enlisted forum

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WASHINGTON — It's a major step when service members are promoted to NCO ranks. That's when they become responsible for the welfare, training, and safety of junior service members.

Right now, that step earns them about \$20 more pay per week. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse G. Laye told top Pentagon officials here, that is not enough.

Laye, U.S. Southern Command's senior enlisted advisor, was one of nearly 85 top NCOs, and about 60 spouses, to attend the first annual Senior Enlisted Advisors' Forum. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and his wife, Janet Langhart Cohen, hosted the June 22 conference at the Pentagon to hear what the senior NCOs had to say about issues affecting readiness and quality of life.

Through the day, Pentagon officials briefed the forum attendees who then broke into groups to discuss pay, compensation, child and medical care, retention, recruiting, schools and education. At a press conference following the meeting, Laye, along with three other senior NCOs and a spouse, talked about the group's concerns and recommendations.

Laye said he told Cohen and other top brass that further pay table reform is needed. He asked Pentagon officials to take a look at the pay table for promotion from E-4 to E-5 and to look at pay for the top three enlisted ranks. He said NCOs in the top three ranks have far more education today than they did in the past.

"When I first came in the Army 29 years ago, it was very common to see an NCO with anywhere from a seventh to ninth-grade education," Laye said. "Today most NCOs have some college or have a college degree."

DoD needs to look at the pay gap between the officer corps and the enlisted corps, he said. "NCOs in a downsized military bring a lot more to the table today, and many are working at upper-level staff positions."

During the forum, Laye said, Cohen agreed with the NCO's assessment. The secretary reported that the Quadrennial Defense Review due out this fall includes a further look at pay table reform for the enlisted ranks.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Donald K. Shaft, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 57, North Island, San Diego, California, asked the secretary to look into extending the hours at child development centers. Not all service members work an eight-to-five day, he said. Many work long hours, and some shifts work from 4 p.m. to midnight.

"We need to extend those hours in the development centers so our children are taken care of while we're at work so we can have peace of mind," he said.

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Renee Chapman, a finance chief with the Air National Guard, talked about the top NCOs' views on TRICARE. She said service members and their families need more education on the program. "One of the biggest problems we found was that family members do not know what TRICARE is supposed to do for them or how to get service when it's

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Mission Success for G-8

Consolidated Public Affairs Office

The G-8 Summit is a mission for Marines on Okinawa. In order to accomplish the mission, which is to contribute to a successful Summit for our neighbors, additional measures beyond those already in place under the Liberty Campaign Plan have been announced for Marines and Sailors assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan.

In the near future, the commanding generals of the major subordinate commands will personally outline these measures for their Marines and Sailors and reinforce how important it is for them to contribute to mission success by impeccable conduct, both on and off-duty, in the Summit period.

"While we demand and enforce a high level of conduct at all times, it is especially important during the Summit, when the eyes of the world are upon us, that we put our best foot forward, and make our Corps and our country proud of who we are and what we do. These measures have been established to help us do just that," said Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston, Commanding General, III MEF/MCBJ.

Beginning 1630 14 July through 0730 24 July, liberty for Marines and Sailors assigned to III MEF/MCBJ will expire at 2400. Units will account for their Marines and Sailors at that time. Additionally, consumption of alcohol will cease at 2400 during the period 14-19 July, and Marines will not consume alcohol again until normal commencement of liberty the following day at 1630.

During the period from 0730 20 July to 0730 July 24, consumption of alcohol is prohibited by Marines and Sailors assigned to III MEF/MCBJ. Clubs will be open as advertised, but no alcohol will be sold.

The uniform of the day for all personnel within III MEF/MCBJ will be utilities from 0730 20 July to 1630 24 July 2000. The equivalent uniform for Navy personnel without utilities is dungarees or wash khakis without ribbons for officers and chief petty officers. Civilian attire is not authorized unless you are participating in a sporting event aboard the Base. Utilities will be worn by Marines and Sailors moving between the camps, housing areas, and residences off-base. Utilities are authorized 23 July to attend church services off-base. Personnel who hold off-duty jobs, such as pizza delivery, will wear utilities. Personnel picking up or dropping off others at Naha airport will wear utilities.

"I have every confidence that the Marines and Sailors of III MEF and Marine Corps Bases Japan understand the importance of the Summit for us, and the necessity of these measures during a time when Okinawa will be extremely crowded with visitors from around the world," said Lt. Gen. Hailston.

"We need to approach this as a mission, just like any other we undertake, with the same focus and drive to succeed, individually and as a team. If we fail as individuals, we fail as a team because it reflects on all of us. Remember, you are your brother's keeper. It's simply not enough to do the right thing yourself; you must be ready to help your fellow Marines and Sailors do the right thing, now and all the time. That's what our success is built on, caring for one another, looking out for one another.

"I know the Marines and sailors of III MEF and Marine Corps Bases Japan will accomplish the mission, a Summit where Okinawa shines, and we shine as an integral part of it. We will have many outstanding activities for Marines, sailors and our families aboard our camps during the Summit weekend, so we can enjoy the weekend together and do our part to ease traffic congestion. We can also look forward to a visit by the President, our commander-in-chief. Take advantage of these opportunities as a Marine community, make the most of them, and make the Summit memorable."

Avoid off-base driving during G-8

Sponsorship training mandated by MCBJ

Sgt. Jennifer A. Wolf

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Last month, only 51 sponsors attended the Sponsorship Training hosted by the Personnel Services Center, Marine Corps Community Services. The training is mandated by Marine Corps Bases Japan Order 1745.1C and Operational Naval Instruction 1740.3.

“I don’t have the time,” or “I already know what I need to know,” are the main excuses used for avoiding Sponsorship Training, according to David L. Randle, Operational Readiness Support analyst, PSC, MCCS.

Because sponsors are not attending the class, arriving servicemembers, civilians and their families are undergoing unnecessary stress, according to Randle.

“We’ve had families that have arrived at the airport with no one there to pick them up,” said Randle. “They’ve been advised they don’t need to bring money for lodging and some families have brought all of their household goods with them.”

The information at the Sponsorship Training is constantly being updated because regulations and situations change, according to Randle. For example, with the upcoming G-8 Summit, lodging in town may be nonexistent, therefore, sponsors need to ensure lodging accommodations will be available for the accompanied Marines and their families. Sponsors who have not attended the current training class may not know this type of valuable information, according to Randle.

The program assists sponsors with information that will be useful to the incoming personnel, said Randle. During the class, updated information on housing, childcare, Department of Defense Dependant Schools, TRICARE, and overseas pay allowances is provided.

“If you have never sponsored someone before or if you are doing it on the information you think you need, a lot of things can slip through the cracks,” said Randle.

“When Marines arrive, their sponsors are their first contact with the new location,” said Randle. “They are representatives of their command. The Marine Corps prides itself on taking care of its own. [The program] is helping it take care of its own.”

Sponsorship Training is an hour class held at various times during each month. The next class will be Tuesday at the Foster Personal Services Center. For more information call 645-8653/8395.

Importance of Newcomer’s Orientation

One major part of a sponsor’s responsibilities is ensuring all accompanied Marines and unaccompanied E-6s and above attend the mandatory Newcomer’s Orientation held by Personnel Services Center, Marine Corps Community Services.

The orientation includes a cultural brief to help acquaint newcomers and their families with the customs and way of life on Okinawa. Various organizations present information on facilities available to Marines and their family members. Family members are highly encouraged to attend the brief.

“They need to know the information provided during the orientation,” said Randle, Operational Readiness Support Analyst, PSC, MCCS. “It will help them understand what is expected of them, their spouses and children in regards to being on Okinawa.”

The next Newcomers’ Orientations are scheduled for July 19. For more information or to reserve a place at the brief call 645-8653/8395.

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needed,” she said.

Transferring benefits from one region to another is a common problem, Chapman said. TRICARE officials “don’t talk to each other” so service members and their families “get lost in the shuffle,” she said. “You could start a claim in one place, end up somewhere else and you can’t talk to anybody about your claim anymore.”

The NCOs said they’d like to see personnel officials and the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System get more involved with enrollment processing. They’d also like to see claims get processed in a more timely manner so doctors get paid. Chapman said they’d welcome more health care providers in the system.

“We have this big book of providers,” she said, “but when you try to get assigned to one of them, they are not taking patients anymore. A lot of them only take one or two or 10 patients so they can say they are participating in the program, but it’s not really getting us the care that we need.”

When a military family needs care in an emergency, she stressed it should be given right away. “They shouldn’t have somebody sitting on the phone behind a desk somewhere saying, ‘Well, we have up to 30 days to get you that service.’”

Reserve component personnel seem to have been overlooked when TRICARE was developed, Chapman said. Problems have arisen when reservists or National Guard have been injured in the line of duty. She called on defense officials to ensure that the necessary infrastructure

is in place for the reserve component.

Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. Patricia Orsino, an administrative chief in the Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Quantico Marine Corps Base, Va., presented the senior enlisted members view’s on recruiting and retention.

She said DoD needs to present the military to the American public as more than just a job with educational benefits. It should be seen as an honorable profession.


The military is not about pay and benefits, she said. It’s about commitment and patriotism. “We must appeal to the young people to be part of something bigger and better than themselves,” she said. More than just benefits, the military offers a “transformation.”

Once recruits join the military, she said, they must be challenged at their first duty stations just as they have been in basic training and advanced skill training.

“In many situations,” Orsino said, “they don’t have the tools that they need to perform the job they were just trained in. There is a concern that we lose that edge.

We’ve trained this person and they are demoralized because, in some situations, they can’t be utilized immediately.”

The military needs to ensure these service members are employed “optimally,” and to provide more resources for equipment and further training, Orsino said. Training in values and professional military education should continue throughout their careers, she added. This would “continue to inspire them and they would have an incentive to stay.”



PFC. KATHY J. ARNDT

9th ESB turn over

Lieutenant Col. Brian J. Hearnberger assumed command of 9th Engineer Support Battalion in a ceremony at the Hansen parade deck June 26.

Hearnberger replaced Lt. Col. Roger J. Oltman, who had been the commanding officer for 9th Engineer Support Bn., since June 1998. Oltman received orders to the Commandant Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

Oltman received his first command after graduating from the Basic School in November 1979; he was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Bn. where he served as a platoon commander, company executive officer and commanding officer of an engineer line company.

Prior to serving as the Marine Forces Pacific Engineer and Resources Officer, Hearnberger served as the Logistics Officer, 2nd Combat Engineer Bn. and Executive Officer, 2nd Marine Division.

A Tyler, Texas native, Hearnberger earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Construction from Texas A&M University and was commissioned in August 1981.

Oki lawyer wins Military Services Young Lawyer of the Year

Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — A lawyer with the Legal Services Support Section here won the American Bar Association Military Services Young Lawyer of the Year Award recently.

Major Michael Gante Jr., who recently completed his tour as Officer-in-Charge, Legal Services Support Team, Camp Hansen, LSSS, 3rd Force Service Support Group, won the award after practicing law for three years here.

“I didn’t do it on my own,” Gante said. “It was the Marines I work with that made it special. I feel honored to be selected.”

Gante, who earned his law degree from Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, received the nomination from Lt. Col. James A. Reistrup, officer in charge, LSSS.

“I am so proud of and excited for this stellar officer,” Reistrup said. “Major Gante has brought zeal, drive to excel, coupled with an uncanny ability to work with people to each and every assignment he has held.”

The American Bar Association, the national organization that governs all United States lawyers, chooses one winner annually from throughout the all of the services.

Gante will be formally presented with the award at the annual ABA convention in New York City today.



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Deputy Defense Secretary praises ‘Recruiters of the Year’ for excellence

Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Twelve military recruiters, six family members, top Pentagon officials and guests listened as Deputy Defense Secretary Rudy de Leon praised the Recruiters of the Year for excelling in “one of our greatest military challenges.”

“The men and women we honor today face the toughest of tasks every day — providing our nation with soldiers, Sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen to protect America’s interests and ideals around the world,” said de Leon. He noted that the mission of America’s armed forces from Kosovo to Korea, and the peace, security and prosperity of the nation, would be impossible without the hard work of America’s outstanding corps of recruiters.

De Leon said the military needs quality recruits because of the military’s increasing reliance on sophisticated technologies, and because service members are asked to be warriors, diplomats and engineers.

De Leon said recruiting is “one of the most challenging missions in the armed forces today.” He said the mission becomes harder with every drop in unemployment and every rise in wages in America’s “red hot economy.”

“But despite the enormity of the challenge of recruiting, nearly 30,000 young people every month, America’s recruiters have demonstrated that they’re up to this job,” de Leon said. “That’s why we are supporting our recruiters with increased enlistment bonuses and educational benefits and by a major rise in recruiting advertising over the last year.”

De Leon said the 12 recruiters the Pentagon honored this year “are the best of the best” in their daily labor of keeping America’s armed forces robust and ready. “They stand for the more than 20,000 active duty, National Guard and reserve recruiters who deliver the message of military service opportunities to the Ameri-

can people every day,” he noted.

“Representing each service ... these men and women were chosen because they have excelled beyond their peers in a very tough and challenging business,” de Leon said.

This year’s Recruiters of the Year were:

Army Staff Sgt. Feliece Y. Cortez of the Anderson, Ind., recruiting station; Army Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Green, assigned to the Los Angeles recruiting station; Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Martin Colon of the Elizabeth, N.J., recruiting station; Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Larry M. Lipson of the Milwaukee, Wis., recruiting station; and Air Force Master Sgt. David C. Anderson who is assigned to the Aiea, Hawaii, recruiting station.

Also: Air Force Master Sgt. Rowena Reitan of the San Antonio, Texas, recruiting station; Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Alain Reyes who is assigned to the Dupage South, Ill., recruiting station; Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darrell Holmes of the Seal Beach, Calif., recruiting station; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Isabel S. Caporale who is assigned to the Newark, N.J., recruiting station; Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Gregory J. Satchwell of the Tampa, Fla., recruiting station; Air National Guard Master Sgt. Karen Y. Hunter, assigned to the Oklahoma City, Okla., recruiting station; and Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class David M. Fulkerson of the Evansville, Ind., recruiting station.

Before the recognition ceremony, the 12 recruiters and a spouse representative participated in an hour-long round-table discussion on issues affecting recruiting. Led by de Leon, the roundtable discussion included Charles L. Cragin, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs; Alphonso Maldon Jr., assistant secretary of defense for force management policy; Navy Vice Adm. Patricia A. Tracey, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military personnel policy; and service secretaries or their representatives.



PFC. KATHY J. ARNDT

3rd TSB turn over

Colonel John Valentin takes over command of 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, at a ceremony on Camp Foster June 28.

Colonel Edward G. Usher III relinquished command to Valentin and will assume duties as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 3rd FSSG.

Usher, a Cleveland, Ohio native, graduated Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Va. in 1969 and then graduated San Diego State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology in 1974.

Prior to taking command of 3rd TSB, Valentin was the Chief of Joint Logistics Branch, Logistics Division, Allied Forces Southern Europe Headquarters and then Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, 3rd FSSG.

Valentin is a Rockaway Beach, NY native who graduated from La Salle Academy, New York, NY in 1971 and then earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from St. Bonaventure University in 1975. In the same year he graduated College, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant under the Platoon Leaders Class program.



LT. ZENON A. BOCHNAK

3/12 change of command

In a change of command ceremony, Lt. Col. David A. Kelley (left) relinquished command of 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, to Lt. Col. John H. O’Hey at the Camp Hansen Parade Field, June 22.

Kelley, who commanded 3rd Bn., 12th Marines since June 1998, will now attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. O’Hey, who received his Bachelor’s degree from The Citadel, came to 3rd Bn., 12th Marines from his former position as the Future Fire Plans Officer, G-3 section, I Marine Expeditionary Force. His previous assignments include serving as the Operations Officer for Marine Corps Recruiting Station, San Francisco, and as the commanding officer for Battery “E”, 2nd Bn., 12th Marines.

His personal decorations consist of the Bronze Star Medal with Combat “V”, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Preparing for overseas medical treatment

Pfc. Kathy J. Arndt

Combat Correspondent

CAMP LESTER — A Marine’s mother comes to Okinawa to visit. While out in Naha, they get into an accident. The Marine’s mother wants to make sure she has no injuries, so they go to the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Lester. When she gets to the Naval Hospital, she discovers the injury isn’t an emergency. The corpsman tells them they will have to use a Japanese medical facility for a checkup. After the checkup, they are asked to pay the bill. The Marine’s mother realizes her insurance from the states does not cover overseas hospital treatment.

“Remind your friends and visiting relatives to verify with their insurance company if they will cover them for healthcare overseas,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Michelle M. Williams, Hospital Corpsman Assistant health benefits advisor, Tri-Care Support Department, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

In an emergency, non-military members can receive treatment at the U.S. Naval Hospital, according to Williams.

“We never deny an ER claim or our services,” said Chief Petty Officer Constacio C. Alivarez, Hospital Corpsman health benefits advisor Tri-Care Support Department U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

Patients receiving medical attention from the Naval Hospital, that are not a military member or a dependent, are responsible for paying a flat rate for the hospital’s services. Payment prices are set

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Non-military members can receive treatment at the U.S. Naval Hospital.

by the Fiscal Year 2000 Department of Defense Title 10, United States Code, section 1095. Insurance companies can reimburse payment for services provided by military facilities.

After the initial emergency treatment and/or hospitalization and the patient’s condition have stabilized, the patient will be transferred to a civilian medical facility.

Civilian medical facilities on Okinawa require patients pay in full for medical services in yen.

“We (Naval Hospital) want to stress that they (non-military member) need overseas insurance for when they are transferred to the civilian facility,” said Williams.



LANCE CPL. CARL F. SCHNAUFER IV

Marines on Patrol in Korea

Lance Cpl. Derek Varney , India Company, 3rd Marine Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, watches for a patrol, during the Korean Intergrated Training Program (KITP) 00-2 in Pyon Dong, Korea. The purpose for KITP 00-2 was to enhance operability between U.S. Marines and Republic of Korea Marines and give Marines a chance to train in Korea. The deployment to Pohang took place from May 19 to June 9.

Community Briefs

Policy change for termination of Family Housing

This policy change is effective as of the date of this memorandum and is not to exceed 31 Aug. All members PCSing during the G-8 Summit will adhere to the following policy changes.

If billeting and TMO can be scheduled within the TLA period, standard operating procedures will apply. Standard operating procedures will apply for all assignments into government quarters.

If billeting is not available all occupants are required to remain in their assigned quarters or with family/friends until their flight date and per diem without cooking facilities will be authorized.

Final Inspections of quarters will be scheduled the duty day prior to flight date. If a FI appointment is not available, contact the Facility Section, at 634-1427, for guidance in scheduling FI on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Government furniture can be delivered for use during transition. Please schedule any furniture delivery at the same time FI is scheduled. Self-help pickup of government furniture is recommended when and if possible.

If a FI is scheduled over the phone, the member must sign an appointment letter at the Kadena Housing Office for delivery of any government furniture to quarters. Furniture delivery will not be scheduled over the phone.

Upon passing your final inspection excess quarter keys will be placed in the lock-box attached to the front door. One key will be tagged for use until your flight date. Please ensure that tagged key is placed in the drop-box at the Kadena Housing Office, Building 217 or at the Kadena Housing Maintenance Service Call desk, Building 1473 prior to flight.

The occupants should retain household items such as linens, pillows and personal items. If the occupants have not exceeded their weight allowance, then the occupants are authorized to mail these items to their forwarding address on a reimbursement basis. TMO is the point of

contact for procedures and information regarding reimbursement claims. Please check with the Post Office for postage and weight restrictions. The Kadena Post Office is closed on Mondays.

For more information, contact Gary Wiensch, chief, Housing Management at 634-0798.

DRMO sealed bid sale

The DRMO at Camp Kinser is scheduled to hold a Local Sealed Bid Sale at Bldg. 600. Inspections for the next sale will take place June 10 to 12, with a bid opening date of July 13. Local Sealed Bid Sales are open to all SOFA and non-Sofa status personnel. Items include household furniture, vehicles, electrical items, scrap metals, textiles and more.

For more information, call 637-4323/3707 during duty hours.

Red Cross Golf Tournament

American Red Cross is scheduled to host the 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament July 14 at Awase Meadows Golf Course. There will be a Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. Awards and prizes will be presented after the tournament.

Golfers may select their own group or sign up alone and get placed with a team. The format will be Medal Play with handicap.

For more information and registration, contact the local Red Cross.

MOM's Crisis Care Center

Maternal Outreach Ministries Crisis Care Center provides free and confidential services including pregnancy tests, counseling, baby formula and more.

MOM's Crisis Care Center is a nonprofit organization with a 24 hour Heartline at 633-6464. or Term VI

Health Care Information Line

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are encouraged to use the Health Care Information Line whenever they are in need of medical advice. The HCIL nurse will advise you on self-treatment or to contact your Primary Care Provider.

The HCIL can be accessed by calling 005-3111-4621.

The call is free.

For more information, contact the TRICARE Service Center at 643-7539/7379.

DRMO changes Saturday sales

Starting in August DRMO is scheduled to hods their Cash and Carry Retail Sale to every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m., along with the 1st Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday sales may change due to holidays and is located at Building 600 on Camp Kinser.

Sales are open to SOFA personnel and items must be purchased for personal use only. Payment must be made in U.S. dollars, cash only.

For more information, call 637-4323/3707 during duty hours.

Kadena Bodybuilding

The 8th Annual Kadena Bodybuilding Competition will be held Aug. 5 at the Keystone Theater.

The show is open to all. Weigh-ins are at 7 a.m. in the Keystone Theater Lobby. There is a \$15 fee for participants. Prejudging begins at 9 a.m. and the final is at 2 p.m.

There will be trophies for the winners of each weight class and the overall champions.

For more information, call Risner Fitness Center at 634-4443.

Count Basie Orchestra

The World Famous Count Basie Orchestra is scheduled to perform at Marek Park on Aug. 9. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. No video taping or photography will be allowed.

The Count Basie Orchestra has won 17 Grammy Awards including the 1997 and 1999 Grammy Award for "Best Large Jazz Ensemble Performance".

For more information, call 634-1387.

Want to get promoted?

You could help recruit future Marines for your Corps and accumulate points for promotion. 4th Marine Corps District is taking requests for Permissive TAD to help with recruiting. If you are from the 4th district, which includes Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Southern Indiana, and South Western Michigan, contact 4th Marine Corps District.

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Korean War veterans not 'forgotten'

June 25 marked the 50th anniversary of North Korea's attack on the Republic of Korea – beginning one of the bloodiest wars in our nation's history. Unfortunately, for the many Marines, soldiers, airmen and Sailors who fought in that war, some of our citizens and, I am sad to say, some of our country's leadership has begun to refer to the Korean War as the "Forgotten War."

It is because of that misnomer and because those who fought in the Korean War deserve as much credit that this nation can bestow upon them that I would like to talk to you this week about some of the men and women who fought in that war.

From a personal point of view, I find it very hard to believe that any war in which Americans have fought, bled and died could ever be referred to as "forgotten," but, alas, such is the case sometimes when the Korean War is brought up. Why this is so I am not sure, but I guess that it's because it came so soon after the end of World War II and before our nation's long involvement in the Vietnam War. Now most history books and historians treat it as a minor chapter in the history of the world. This is particularly sad when you think of the tremendous loss of life that was suffered there to keep South Korea free.

The 1st Marine Division alone saw 4,004 Marines and Sailors killed and 25,864 wounded. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing lost 258 Marines and Sailors and had another 174 wounded. If you were to total in the losses of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division – they had 7,094 killed and 16,575 wounded – along with the other Army units, you would see that during the Korean War more than 32,000 Americans were killed and another 102,474 were wounded. And that is not counting what our Allies lost. How anyone could forget the horrifying costs that war inflicted on this country is beyond me. Fortunately, with the media's renewed interest in the current developments between North and South Korea, the 50th anniversary has sparked renewed interest in this costly war and for that I am grateful. If so many of our citizens really don't know the tremendous costs paid in human sacrifice, then I hope the 50th anniversary of the Korean War brings to them the story of the courage and valor that took place so very far away in a corner of the Pacific.

When North Korea invaded the South June 25, 1950, they came with a force of roughly 135,000 men. For the next three years the United States and our allies were locked in a bitter struggle to stem the tide of communism on the Korean Peninsula. While the epic landing at Inchon Sept. 18, 1950 by the 1st MarDiv or the heroic fight from the Chosin reservoir are battles that most Marines are familiar with, other battles during the three-year war were just as costly.

There were battles such as the fight for Osan July 5, 1950, which was the very first ground action of the war, or the battles at Pork Chop Hill, Bloody Ridge, Old Baldy, Operation Showdown, and the battle for Hill 598 in which more than 2,000 casualties were suffered. And these veterans fought in Operation Punchbowl June 10-16, 1951 where again the 1st Marine Division encountered heavy North Korea People's Army forces at a cost of 67 killed in action and 1,044 wounded in action. Such was the cost of freedom in Korea.

Besides the battles there were a number of "firsts" which took place during that war. The first all-jet combat in world history took place in Korea Nov. 8, 1950 when an F-80 shot down a MIG -15 during a 30-second dogfight near Sinuiju. And there was the first use of helicopters in warfare. Hero of the Pacific War, General of the Army five-star General Douglas MacArthur was relieved of command during that war for challenging our civilian leadership. All this happened during the war in Korea and some would call it forgotten? ... I think not. Just from a historical context, so much happened during those three years of war. How could anyone forget it or those who served there?

Just think about it, the men who served in Korea were a mix of World War II veterans and those who came in after Japan's surrender in 1945. Our country, following the victory over the forces of Germany and Japan, had let our Armed Forces' readiness drop to dangerous levels. Equipment was old and worn out. Just about everyone in our government thought that since we had used the Atomic Bomb to end the war with Japan, no one would even think of challenging us militarily. And even if they did, the new face of war would never again be fought on the ground in the manner of the Second World War. Oh how wrong they were.

For the truth of the matter is that if not for the bravery of our soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines, and our Allies, the Korean War could have turned out very, very differently indeed.

Those who fought in the Korean War were no different from those who proceeded them in other wars

this country fought in. They were brave and honest men and women who — once the guns fell silent July 27, 1953 with the signing of the Armistice – just went home and continued on with their lives. They went into business, raised families and went to school. They asked for nothing in return because they felt they had

only done what was required of any citizen of this county; when our nation calls you to arms, you go with no questions asked.

Who were these quiet heroes? Well they were men like Lt. Col. Kalus, Mr. James Ward and Bob Talmadge of the Honolulu Chapter of the Chosin Few. They were men like Richard A. Johnson who in November 1950 was in a communications platoon with the 7th Marines. He was also a member of the Chosin Few. They were men like "Chesty" Puller, Sgt. Maj. Leland D. Crawford, and Sgt. Maj. Neal D. King, a former Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major. They were people like Capt.

Jane Thurness who was one of the 500 women who served in Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals units in Korea. They were people like Neil Armstrong who would be the first man to set foot on the moon. Korean War vets like John Chafee, Al Haig, John Glenn or James Warner would go on to serve our nation in government. They were men like Dan

Blocker, James Garner and Eddie Fisher who became actors. They were people like James Brady, Berry Gordy and Ted Williams. In short, they were and are members of that "Greatest Generation" of whom I love to speak about so much.

The "Forgotten War?" ... No way.

How can anyone who has the privilege to live in this great country forget that war or those who served there? From 1950 to 1953, they stopped the spread of communism at a time when there was doubt by those that America and her allies would allow her sons to fight to stop it. They went where they were sent and fought with valor and courage. They saved a nation so that it could live in freedom and join other freedom-loving nations living in prosperity and hope for the future. They did that and so very much more. ...

So let me say here and now that you are not forgotten. We, the Marines and Sailors of Marine Forces Pacific, will always remember what you did and how you did it. And we thank you for it. Not just during this year while it is in vogue to do so, but always. We will never forget you or your service to our country and to our Corps.

Your legacy of courage, sacrifice and valor will never be forgotten as long as any one in this Force can raise a glass to toast to you and all you have done for the country, the Corps and South Korea. You, the veterans of Korea are the "Quiet Heroes" of our country. You are never far from the thoughts of those who serve in Korea today. How you fought, lived and died in that war will never be forgotten. You have my word. God bless you all. Semper Fi.

Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub
Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major

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STREET TALK

By HERB GRAY JR. AND RACHEL MAIN, PAO SUMMER HIRES



Jamila Alarcon,
Kubasaki H.S.,
PACO, MCB

"I think it's fun and the money is good, but I hate getting up in the morning."



Sakura Creedon,
Kubasaki H.S.,
G-5, MCB

"You gain experience about the military and the work is good around here."



Shirece Farrar,
Kubasaki H.S.,
Base Adjutant
Office, MCB

"It's a good program because it allows students to work with the military and get the skills needed to go on in life."



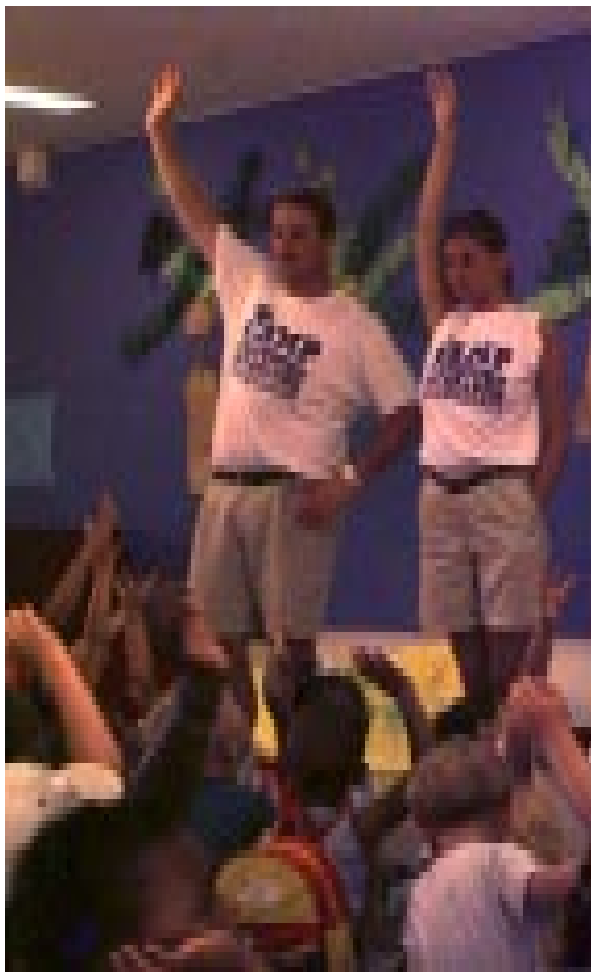
Andrea Daniels,
Kubasaki H.S.,
PACO, MCB

"I think it is a great experience, and it will help me when I graduate from college."



CPL. MATTHEW S. BATES

(above) Children dive into the Kubasaki High School pool for some fun in the sun. Camp Adventure is held on island every summer to offer an alternative to the usual summer activity options for military families.



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(right) James Phirman, a camp counselor, interacts with the kids during an assembly after lunch.

Camp Adventure provides summer fun

Cpl. Matthew S. Bates

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Camp Adventure arrived on Okinawa in June. The 40 plus day-camp counselors, aquatics instructors and Teen Camp counselors take over the island every summer to offer an alternative to the usual summer activity options for military families.

The program, sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services, offers day camp for children of all ages, aquatics activities and a Teen Camp. All of the Camp Adventure activities involve pre-registration.

"Camp Adventure offers a safe, structured, enjoyable environment for kids to spend their summer in," said Kari Kowalski, aquatics director, Camp Adventure. "We value these kids as individual little people."

During the summer, the aquatics program offers swim lessons from infant to adult, water safety courses and a one-week swim camp during which the children venture to Okinawa's water park and beaches. The program works out of the Kubasaki High School pool.

Counselors design the day camp activities mostly for younger children and their parents. This summer a variety of activities are planned including a desert festival, skits, bowling excursions and several island tours.

"We're looking forward to our day trips, like going to Neo Park and the Expo Park," said Lisa Dolan, day camp director, Camp Adventure.

The Camp Adventure staff traveled to Okinawa from stateside colleges such as the University of Northern Iowa, University of Nebraska, Washington University, Chico State, and University of Iowa. The majority of

the staff major in degree programs from child psychology to teaching.

"We do this because we love kids," said Dolan.

"I think the military contract comes out of the logic that if kids are happy then parents are happy, and if the family is happy then people are happier at work and the whole island is happier," said Kowalski.

Both ladies believe it is a privilege to get to come to Okinawa and spend their summer with the children. They also take advantage of the opportunity to check out the Okinawan culture.

"We work hard, long hours, but when the day is finished we might go to the beach, go camping or just wander around to explore the culture," said Kowalski.

For information regarding sign-up and costs, contact MCCS youth programs at 646-6331.

Students spend summer on Oki mentoring children

Cpl. Matthew S. Bates

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Camp Adventure is great for kids, but it wouldn't be possible without the dedicated counselors.

They are all college students who have taken time out from their busy class schedules or given up their summer vacation to come to Okinawa and entertain a group of young children. They come from all over the U.S., - some from the University of Iowa, several from Oregon State University and others from San Diego State University.

"For me this is the experience of a lifetime," said James A. Phirman, camp counselor. "We get to come here and have a positive influence on the lives of these kids and also make new friends with each other."

To become a counselor, the individual must first apply to the camp. If accepted, the student goes through an eight-week training course. The course teaches students how the program works and what will be expected of them.

"We've found that these students bring much more than manpower to the camp," said Curran P. Nichols, project coordinator for Camp Adventure. "They

bring energy, creativity and new ideas from the states that we can implement into our programming."

Yet even as these students give something extra to the camp, the camp gives something to them. Living quarters are provided for them, a housing allowance is given to them to cover any added expenses they may incur and each student also

earns 12 college credits to put towards their degree.

Still, these counselors would be happy to perform the same task for free.

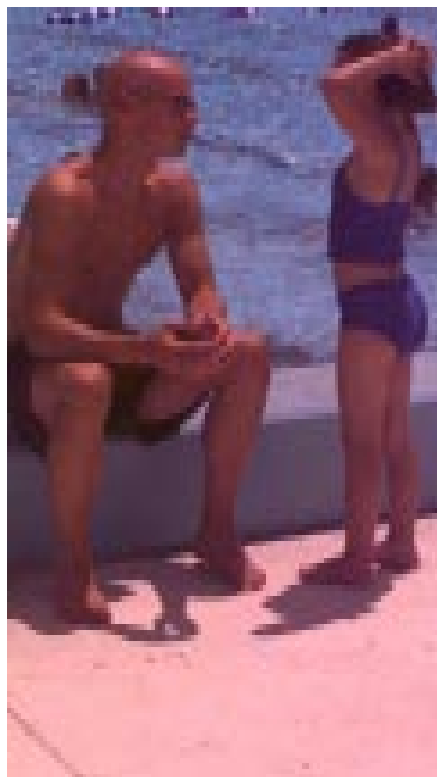
"It's really rewarding to see the smiles on these kids faces and their eyes light up," said Phirman, a public relations major at the University of California State, Chico. "And it's also great to be able to travel to a new place like Okinawa and experience a new culture."

The counselors are the first to admit, though, that this job isn't for everybody. In order to be successful as a counselor, one must possess patience and be a kid at heart, according to Phirman.

"A lot of my friends and family thought I was crazy when I told them what I was doing this summer," added the first-time counselor. "But I love working with kids and playing the 'big brother' role."

But while Camp Adventure is fun for both kid and counselor alike, it is still a lot of work. Each counselor is on the job an average of 45 hours a week from early June until late August. Phirman, though, has found one way to deal with all the long days and stresses that the counselors can face.

"You have to learn to laugh a lot and just have fun," he said.



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Paul Williams, a counselor, talks eye-to-eye with one of the children assigned to him. Camp Adventure is great for kids, but it wouldn't be possible without the dedicated counselors.

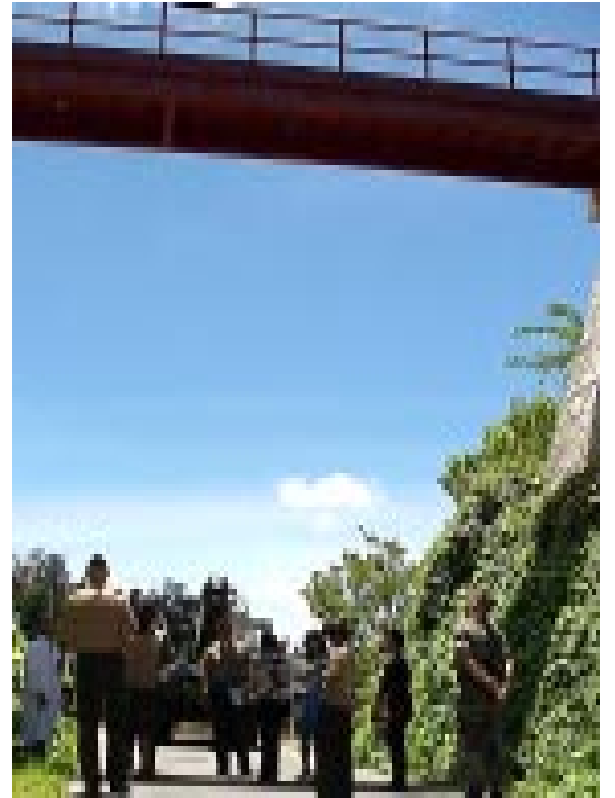


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Several of the counselors monitor the children as they listen to a safety brief before swimming.



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(above) Marines gather under the Gen. Day Bridge after the ceremony.
(left) Brig. Gen. Frances Wilson, commanding general 3rd Force Service Support Group, listens as local ministers give a prayer for peace and safety during the ceremony to replace the old Gen. Day Bridge.

General Day Bridge to receive facelift

Engineer Marines plan to rebuild friendship bridge

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Webb

Combat Correspondent

YAGIJI ISLAND — Marines from 9th Engineer Support Battalion will have the opportunity to improve their engineering skills during a three-week bridge replacement project in an island village in Northwest Okinawa.

At a ceremony June 26, local Yagiji officials and civilians gathered to give thanks and prayers for the safety of the Marines who will work on the bridge.

The Gen. James L. Day Bridge, a 30-foot-high steel

foot path bridge connecting two garden hills, will be replaced with a newer and safer bridge.

The first bridge, constructed in 1986, made a lasting impression on the people of Yagiji Island and helped foster a lasting friendship with the Marine Corps, as indicated on a plaque at the base of the bridge.

One local official during a speech said the bridge represents a bridge between Okinawans and Americans for a better understanding of each other.

The new bridge, which will be funded by III Marine Expeditionary Force as a troop training exercise, is needed because of weather erosion on the walking deck panels, according to 2nd Lt. Jeremy Savage, platoon commander, Alpha Company, 9th ESB, 3rd Force Service Support Group.

The Marines will have to disassemble the old bridge

with welding tools and take the old scrap parts to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office. With all the old steel removed, they can then start piecing the bridge back together with the more weather resistant galvanized steel.

“The Marines Corps appreciates the warm hospitality of the Okinawan people and desires to strengthen the friendship with the Yagiji community,” said Brig. Gen. Frances Wilson, commanding general, 3rd FSSG, during her speech near the base of the bridge. “With the continued cooperation with the Yagiji community and the Marine Corps, we should have this bridge completed by mid-July.”

When the construction is complete, the Marines from 9th ESB hope to rededicate the new bridge with a ceremony in July.

Military intelligence plays vital role for Marines

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Webb

Combat Correspondent

CAMP KINSER — The threats that face today’s Marines, in the post Cold War era, are increasingly hidden. Without a dominant power as an enemy, it’s hard to know what surprises and pitfalls await when a Marine prepares for deployment anywhere in the world.

Military intelligence plays a vital role in addressing what the Marines may face, and gives them ‘a heads up’ before they place their boot in a distant land.

For the Marines of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Company, G-2, 3rd Force Service Support Group, their focus involves what they can do to keep the Marines of 3rd FSSG well informed of the threat before they enter another country.

“The intel person should be able to provide intel, but we have to focus on the logistic force,” said Staff Sgt. Byron D. Austin, counter intelligence representative, G-2, 3rd FSSG. “We watch

everything logistical such as roads, infrastructure, seaports, aerial ports of debarkation and petroleum installations. When you think about it, all the other components could not operate without logistical support.”

The Marines of G-2 use their vast array of intelligence gathering for many purposes. Whether it’s keeping the commander informed through intel briefs and updates, to constant tracking of threat levels for the Marines on the ground. Their goal is simple: keep the Marines informed and be accurate.

“We have all this raw data, it’s our job to break it down, figure out who needs it, and how it can be beneficial to them. We have to make the information usable, and that is a hard challenge. If we don’t get the information to the Marines, in a sense we have failed,” said 2nd Lt. Damon R. Harris, G-2 operations officer, 3rd FSSG.

A Marine on the ground can be a valuable asset for intelligence, according to Harris. He can describe the lay of the land and send back information

that is vital to a mission.

But the future of intelligence gathering is increasingly becoming more high-tech. Even though the Marine on the ground can be the eyes and ears of a unit, their information is eventually entered in a computer database. As technology improves, keeping up with the constant flow of new information can be relentless.

The barrage of information forces improvements in intelligence gathering techniques, and eventually forces the intelligence community to improve its techniques.

The Marines of 3rd FSSG, G-2, have seen this coming, and they are preparing themselves for the future with improvements such as the new Sensitive Compartment Information Facility at Camp Kinser.

Although other intelligence units throughout the Marine Corps already have established SCIFs, the new facility will give 3rd FSSG a higher echelon of classified communication through advanced computer systems. The ad-

vanced system will support 3rd FSSG’s ability to share information.

“We have to have the ability to track the current events of what’s happening in the world to keep the general involved,” said Gunnery Sgt. Richard D. Harrison, operations chief, G-2, 3rd FSSG. “We also have to do briefings and backgrounds for our people going on deployment. We have to know that we have rear area security, and the SCIF will bring us into another realm of higher classified information.”

The command will have better situational awareness and current intelligence, according to Harris. It will also provide a faster indication and warning, as well as better communication with other intelligence sections.

“The better informed we are, the more accurate intelligence we can provide for the Marines of 3rd FSSG,” said Harris.

The 3rd FSSG SCIF is currently near completion. Pending certification from the Federal Intelligence Agency later this month.

Mama-sans adopt role of mothers to Marines

Okinawan custodians do more than clean, they bring smiles to Marines

Lance Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — “Ohayo gozaimasu,” she greets her cammie-clad children every morning.

“Ohayo gozaimasu,” they return her greeting in broken Japanese.

Laughing at their efforts, she lightly pinches a cheek or gives a hug, while standing on the tips of her toes to reach them.

Yasuko Kayo is her name and she is one of two custodial services personnel responsible for keeping the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base headquarters, also known as, Building 1 on Camp Foster, squeaky-clean. To Marines here and throughout Okinawa, she is fondly known as “mama-san.”

“We have been called ‘mama-san’ by U.S. military and civilians since 1945,” said Kayo. “That is as far back as I can remember.”

Both Kayo and her partner in Building 1, Nabu Nakazato, have been working in the building for nearly 40 years. Kayo took her position in 1962. Nakazato joined her in 1963.

The highlight of their job is the opportunity to communicate with the headquarters staff, according to Kayo. From the basement to the Commanding General’s suite, the Marines who would be pushing the vacuum and carrying the trash, if not for the mama-sans, appreciate what they do.

“It’s great because the mama-sans make your job a lot easier,” said Lance Cpl. Neal Nightingale, administration chief, commanding general’s office, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. “I especially appreciate them because they lessen the stress of working up here by making it so I have less to worry about.”

Many of the Marines in the building realize that they have a large job clean-

ing all of Building 1 and believe the women have earned more respect than they get.

“I see a lot of people that don’t show them the respect they deserve, especially considering how long they have been here,” said Nightingale.

“We should really stop and appreciate them,” said Lance Cpl. Miguel A. Pantelakis, chief of staff driver, H&S Battalion, MCB. “They make our job so much easier because we can focus on our work and not have to worry about cleaning.”

It is not that the Marines mind helping. Kayo and Nakazato have been known to pull the paper towels out of a lance corporal’s hands when they go to clean a spill. On one occasion, Kayo tapped the back of a sergeant’s hand as he tried to take the trash out for her.

“They have such a great attitude about their job, even after being here so long, and it’s infectious,” said Pantelakis.

There is more to the daily tasks of the mama-sans than taking out the trash and vacuuming. These maternal substitutes do something much more personal for the Marines. They make them smile.

“You can be in the worst mood and then she’ll pop in and you just can’t help but smile,” said Lance Cpl. Jeanne Nesmith, assistant administration chief, commanding general’s office, H&S Bn., MCB. “They are always telling us to smile and you can’t help but laugh with them.”

When not passing out smiles and cleaning trash can liners, these ladies return to their homes. Kayo lives in Ginowan City. In her free time, she likes to clean her home, go shopping and driving.

“Okinawa is pretty,” she said. “There is so much to see.”

Nakazato calls Gushikawa City home. She also enjoys keeping her house tidy and says Ryukyuan dance is her main



LANCE CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Yasuko Kayo, custodian, vacuums an office in Building 1, Camp Foster.

hobby.

In their everyday encounters with Marines, they consider them family. “We are satisfied with our jobs,” said Kayo. “The Marines are like our children and grandchildren.”

And sometimes when they put their arms around a Marine’s shoulders or ask if they have had enough sleep, been eating right or feeling okay, it could be easy to think of them as “oba-chan,” grandmother.

Graduate earns honor, follows family’s footsteps

Sgt. Jennifer A. Wolf

Combat Correspondent

CAMP COURTNEY — After dedicating 12 years of his life to the Boy Scouts, a Kubasaki High School graduate received its highest rank during a ceremony at the Chapel here, June 12.

David R. Yoffee became the fourth member of his family to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a title bestowed on two out of every 100 scouts, according to Gunnery Sgt. Leon D. Wright, troop leader, Boy Scout Troop 110.

Yoffee’s father, uncle and older brother have earned the award.

“It’s not a give away like many things in life,” said Yoffee’s father, Lt. Col. Wade Yoffee, exercise branch head, G-3, III Marine Expeditionary Force, “You really have to earn it.”

The rank of Eagle Scout was established in 1911. To achieve this rank, a scout has to advance through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life Scout.



SGT. JENNIFER A. WOLF

David R. Yoffee receives the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony June 12.

During this time, the prospective Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges. Twelve are based on requirements set for earning the rank of Eagle Scout and the other nine can be in the scout’s area of personal interest.

David’s Eagle Project was painting 20 trashcans on Camps Courtney and McTureous with red and blue with stars. The project, from start to finish, took David and Troop 110 three months to complete.

“The required ones help make you a better person, like citizenship in the community, family life and personal management,” said David, who has earned 28 merit badges.

The nine other badges usually follow along the scout’s individual interests, which can range anywhere from art, to agriculture, to outdoor skills, according to David.

The prospective Eagle is also required to be a Life Scout for a minimum of six months and hold various leadership positions within his troop.

After the basic requirements have been met, the Scout must conduct an Eagle Project — an undertaking that will benefit the local community.

“I had to come up with the idea, plan it, organize everything, and when it actually carries out I have to supervise it all,” said David.

American Forces Network opens doors

Lance Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — The American Forces Network opened its studio doors to service members, Okinawans and their families June 24.

“We have the open house because not a lot of people have been in a radio and



LANCE CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Colin Gibbons, 8, tests his broadcasting skills during his visit to the AFN FM radio studio. Gibbons was one of the first visitors to sit in the deejay chair.

television studio,” said Staff Sgt. Tim McGough, news director and operations supervisor, AFN. “This shows them what we do, that it’s not magic.”

Visitors were first escorted to the Wave 89.1 FM studio, where Army Staff Sgt. Tim Greenwood, radio broadcaster, sent Top 40 hits out over the wavelengths.

Colin Gibbons, 8, and his little brother, Dylan, 6, were the first visitors to hop into the guest deejay chairs. The brothers introduced a song for Greenwood and spun the prize wheel. Greenwood and the rest of the AFN staff gave away t-shirts, hats and other prizes throughout the day. The Gibbons’ boys left with a family pack of discount coupons.

“The kids have been interested in asking about why there is only one station and why the programming is different than what they had in Florida,” said Gina Gibbons, Colin and Dylan’s mother. “This was a really nice thing to do on a Saturday morning. It’s family time and it’s the perfect opportunity to answer the kids questions.”

After the radio station, visitors headed down the hallway to the editing area for AFN television. Marine Cpls. Kyle Davidson and Nathan Hill explained the computers and camera gear used by AFN correspondents.

The production studios were the next stop on the tour route.



LANCE CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Dylan Gibbons, 6, gets a lesson on how to work the teleprompter from television news anchor, Senior Airman Jow Andes. The American Forces Network opened its studio doors recently.

“The closest thing to magic happens in here,” said Lance Cpl. Martin Webster, news director and producer, AFN, as he showed Dylan and Colin just how Superman flies.

The boys took turns putting on a cape

and laying on a table. Using the station’s special effects, a television screen showed blue skies and Dylan and Colin flying.

“The open house let’s people know more about AFN,” said Webster. “We’re here for the people.”

Exchange program brings local children to Schwab

Lance Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP SCHWAB — Sixty-one Japanese children visited Camp Schwab June 24 during an annual student exchange program sponsored by the Nago Junior Chamber.

The children were from Nago City and its sister city, Takigawa.

“The purpose of the visit was to give these children an understanding of who the Marines are, what they are doing in Okinawa and what life is like for us at Camp

Schwab,” said 1st Lt. Matthew H. Bazarian, tour guide and Camp Services/Guard Officer.

Their visit began with a stop at the Friendship Garden.

Colonel Charles T. Rushworth, commander, Camp Schwab welcomed the children to the base.

After the welcoming remarks, the children viewed a static display of Light Armored Vehicles and Amphibious Assault Vehicles provided by the Combat Assault Battalion. The display provided the children an opportunity to take souvenir photos.

“The children enjoyed getting to see Camp Schwab,”

said Bazarian. “Most of all, they enjoyed getting to climb inside and all around the LAVs and AAVs at the static display.”

The visit to the static display was followed by a stop at the Marine Corps Community Services Sports Complex, where the weight machines dwarfed many of the children. The children then went to Oura Wan Beach and ended the visit with a stop at the Army Air Force Exchange Service Food Court.

“This year’s visit did not include the full Camp Schwab tour due to the tight schedule related to the G-8 Summit,” said Fumio Iha, community relations representative, Camp Schwab. “But the children did not want to leave Okinawa without seeing the good stuff aboard the camp. They said Schwab was ‘too cool.’”

“The community relations events are probably the most enriching experiences for Marines on the island,” said Bazarian. “For the Japanese, I hope it fosters a sense of trust, understanding and most of all friendship between the Marines and our hosts.”



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(above) Marines from Combat Assault Battalion speak to a chaperone.

(left) Visitors explore an Amphibious Assault Vehicle as their Marine hosts look on.



PFC. KATHY J. ARNDT

(above and right) Dolphins swim with the Sharks and Three Seven during the Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Aquatics Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team 2000 Spring Splash.



PFC. KATHY J. ARNDT

Dolphins host three-team meet in preparation for 2000 Summer Junior Olympic Championships

Pfc. Kathy J. Arndt

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Seventy swimmers from three teams competed at the Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Aquatics Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team 2000 Spring Splash meet June 11 at the 25-meter pool here.

The Okinawa Dolphins hosted two Okinawan teams, the Sharks and Three Seven Swim Teams.

Swimmers in age categories ranging from 8 and under to 19 through 29 participated in the 11 events.

“This was our first meet of the season,” said Mat Luebbers, Dolphins head coach and program director.

The first event was the open 100-meter relay medley.

The Dolphins came out strong and took first through third with a winning swim time of 1:28.2.

The Dolphins continued strong

through the heart of the meet in all of the events, which included the fly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle.

All events were 25 or 50 meters mixed opens, which means both boys and girls of any age could participate in the event.

Now that the Dolphins have their first meet behind them, they are practicing for the 2000 Summer Junior Olympic Championships. The 2000 Summer Junior Olympic Champion-

ships and the 2000 Summer US Military PAC RIM Championships are scheduled for July 28-30 at Camp Foster’s 50-meter pool.

“We were very pleased with the swimmer’s performances at the meet. Many swimmers had lifetime best swims; other had best ‘non-rested’ times,” said Luebbers. “We hope to do as well at the 2000 Summer Pac Rim Junior Olympic/US Military Championship Meet in July.”

Wing Marine finds fulfillment in martial arts

Cpl. Matthew S. Bates

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FUTENMA — Graceful and beautiful power - that’s how Eryn L. Redman describes Tae Kwon Do. For her, this martial arts form is a large part of her life and a love affair that has endured since the eighth grade.

In the eighth grade, another girl in her school made her angry. Redman fought with the girl, which opened the door to what would become one of her life’s passions.

“When I came home, my mom put me in the car and we drove to the nearest martial arts school,” said Redman. “It just so happened to be a Tae Kwon Do one.”

The Seattle native fell in love with the sport immediately and soon began taking all of the classes she could.

“For a while, I was taking two classes a day, six days a week,” she said.

As her skill level improved, so did her desire to excel and compete. She entered her first contest in Seattle when she was a 13-year-old green belt. Because there were no other girls entered, Redman fought against boys.

Despite having to go against the boys, she took third-place overall.

Immersed into the world of Tae Kwon Do, Redman soon realized her high school years flew by. She knew it was time to think about her future.

“I had thought about the military, but I wasn’t too serious about it until I went to the Nationals one year and saw a Marine there,” said Redman. “He was the only one there, and all I remember about him is that he was tall, and I kept thinking to myself, ‘Wow, that’s a Marine.’”

Redman, who stands five-foot-seven inches, went into the recruiting station and asked if the Marine Corps offered Tae Kwon Do. Eight months later she found herself standing on those infamous yellow footprints.

Since joining the Corps in December 1998, the avia-

tion ordnanceman has participated in the 2000 All-Armed Forces Competition, in which she took second place this past May, and last year’s Nationals.

“Whenever people see the USMC after my name, they automatically pay more attention to me,” said Redman. “It’s funny because now, a few years later, I am [now] that lone Marine who caused me to join.”

Being a Marine also gives her an added advantage on the mat, according to Redman, a lance corporal.

“Opponents are always intimidated by that title, so it’s almost as if I already have a point on them before the match even starts,” said Redman, who currently holds the rank of 2nd-degree black belt.

She is also very thankful for the support and understanding that her command, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265, has offered her.

“They have always been behind me 110-percent,” said Redman.

Still, her greatest fans always have been and remain her parents.

“No matter what I’ve done in my life, my parents have always lent me all their support,” said Redman. “That goes double for my interest in Tae Kwon Do.”

Redman dreams of becoming a national champion someday and starting an All-Marine Tae Kwon Do team.

Redman was motivated to start an All-Marine Tae Kwon Do team when a message was released from Headquarters Marine Corps enabling the formation of an All-Marine Tae Kwon Do team. Unfortunately, not enough Marines have responded, according to Redman.

Redman, who considers herself an orphan in the Tae Kwon Do community because of the half-dozen schools she has attended throughout her training, urges anyone interested to look into the team and give it a try.

“There are some requirements that have to be met by individuals trying out for the team, but you don’t know if



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Eryn L. Redman demonstrates her skill in Tae Kwon Do.

you can make it unless you try,” she said.

For Redman, Tae Kwon Do has added more than sport to her life – it has also given her discipline, drive and the ability to channel her energy.

“Looking back, I’m not proud of beating up that girl in eighth grade, but I am thankful that it gave me the opportunity to discover Tae Kwon Do,” she said.

The Marketplace



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Miscellaneous

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Sun Titan A.E. (PG)
Sun Rules of Engagement (R)
Mon Keeping the Faith (PG13)
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Thu Road to Eldorado (PG)
Thu Me, Myself and Irene (R)

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Fri Where the Money Is (PG13)
Sat Keeping the Faith (PG13)
Sun Me, Myself and Irene (R)
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Wed Keeping the Faith (PG13)

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Wed Rules of Engagement (PG13)
Thu Closed

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Sun Rules of Engagement (R)
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Sun Rules of Engagement (R); 5:30, 8:30
Mon Me, Myself and Irene (R); 7:00
Tue Keeping the Faith (PG13); 7:00
Wed Keeping the Faith (PG13); 7:00
Thu Shaft (R); 7:00

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Sat Road to Eldorado (PG)
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Sun Price of Glory (PG13)
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